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DEPARTMENT PASS AMEMBASSY MAPUTO, AMEMBASSY PORT LOUIS

E.O. 11652: N/A  
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SUBJ: MADAGASCAR STOPS PASSENGER TRAFFIC WITH COMOROS

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1. JUNE 20 OFFICIAL PRESS BULLETIN ANNOUNCES THAT  
SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (SRC) HAS DECIDED TO SUSPEND ALL  
PASSENGER TRAFFIC BY SEA AND AIR WITH COMOROS. REASONS FOR DECISION  
ARE GIVEN AS:  
IMPERIALISTIC MANEUVERS OF RECOLONIZATION AND RECUPERATION IN  
AFRICA; EXISTENCE OF ENEMIES OF MALAGASY REVOLUTION WHICH HAS  
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DUTY TO DEFEND ITSELF; ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW REGIME IN COMOROS BY  
FOREIGN MERCENARIES; PERMANENT THREAT TO MALAGASY SECURITY AND  
REVOLUTION REPRESENTED BY PRESENCE OF FOREIGN MERCENARIES IN  
GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS OF COMOROS.

2. SRC COMMUNIQUE SPECIFIES THAT DECISION APPLIES TO PASSENGERS  
ONLY AND THAT IT IS NO WAY A GESTURE OF ENMITY TOWARD THE COMORIAN

PEOPLE WHICH REMAINS AND MUST REMAIN A BROTHER PEOPLE TO THE MALAGASY PEOPLE.

3. COMMENT: IMPLIED CONTINUATION OF CARGO TRAFFIC MEANS THAT COMOROS WILL PRESUMABLY BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO OBTAIN POL FROM MADAGASCAR, WHICH IS THEIR ONLY VITAL IMPORT FROM THIS COUNTRY. I HAVE NO PLANS TO GO TO COMOROS IN NEAR FUTURE BUT BELIEVE I WILL BE ABLE TO GO EITHER VIA DAR ES SALAAM OR REUNION AND MAYOTTE WHEN THE NEED ARISES. THIS ACTION IS ONE MORE INDICATION OF MALAGASY CONCERN OVER THE INSTALLATION OF THIS CONSERVATIVE REGIME IN MORONI (REF C). PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA HAS BEEN TOUTING THE PERILS OF IMPERIALISM FOR A LONG TIME NOW; THE PRESENCE OF THIS SMALL MERCENARY FORCE ONLY 300 MILES FROM HIS DISTANT AND RESTIVE NORTHERN PROVINCES GIVES HIM, IN MY OPINION, A LEGITIMATE CAUSE FOR WORRY.  
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